



**COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE
COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT CARL DeMAIO**

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**FRYE & DeMAIO HOLD TOWN HALL
MEETING ON REFORMING THE CITY
COUNCIL**

Bipartisan Effort Aimed at Improving Effectiveness and Rebuilding Trust

SAN DIEGO – Today Councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio and Councilmember Donna Frye held a town hall meeting at the Scripps Ranch Library to get public input regarding bringing reform to the City Council. The goal of the reforms is to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the City Council in a Strong Mayor-Strong Council form of government.

“This December, when the new City Councilmembers take office we have an opportunity to change the way the City Council does business,” commented DeMaio. “Tonight we begin the process of putting together a package of reforms that the new Council can enact later this year.”

“One of the most important parts of the process of reforming the way the City Council does business is restoring the trust the public has in its city government. That is what we are doing here tonight,” said Frye.

Frye and DeMaio are committing to co-chair a study group to generate findings and recommendations for improving how the Council conducts business, manages legislation, and interacts with the public. DeMaio and Frye will be holding another town hall meeting on September 20, at 9am in Clairemont.

In addition to soliciting the input of the public, Frye and DeMaio plan to hold at least two public hearings in October to review all findings and recommendations. The goal is to provide the incoming City Council with a comprehensive set of reforms to the City Council for consideration after the new Council members are sworn in on December 8, 2008.

The Town Hall is designed to receive public input in four key areas:

- **Budget and Legislative Processes:** How can the budget and legislative processes be reformed to position the City Council as an effective legislative partner in solving San Diego's financial and operational problems?
- **Council Oversight:** How can the City Council fulfill its duty to provide better oversight of taxpayer monies being spent by the city government?
- **Public Participation:** How can the City Council be a more open and transparent body?
- **Presiding Officers, Rules of Order and Committee Structure:** How can internal policies improve the decorum and efficiency of the City Council in its deliberations?

Councilmember Donna Frye is the City Councilmember for the Sixth Council District, which includes the communities of Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Bay, Mission Valley and Serra Mesa. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee.

Councilmember-Elect Carl DeMaio was elected on June 3, 2008, with over sixty-six percent of the vote to represent the Fifth Council District, which includes the communities of Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Ranch and Sorrento Mesa. He will be sworn into office on December 8, 2008.

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